

Remarks

Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of the application.

Claims 1 – 11 and 20 are pending in the application:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Usui et al. (US Patent No. 6,033,058). Applicants have canceled claim 20.

Allowable Subject Matter

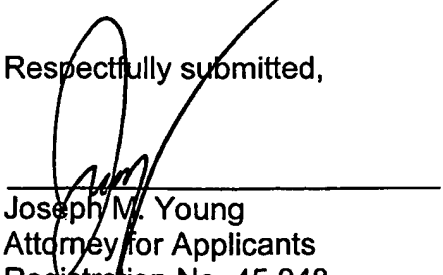
Claims 1 – 11 are allowed. Applicants believe that this application is now in order for allowance.

Conclusion

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any further Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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